

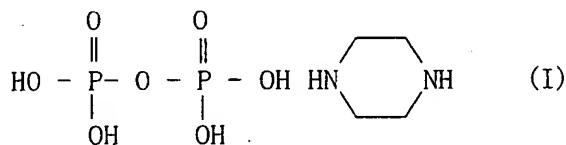
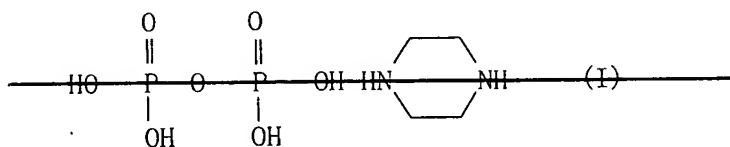
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) A process of producing a piperazine pyrophosphate, said process comprising dehydration condensation of piperazine diphosphate, wherein said piperazine pyrophosphate ~~has a sodium content of 10 ppm or lower and is of~~ the formula:



3. (previously presented) The process of claim 2, wherein the dehydration condensation of piperazine diphosphate is

performed using heating/kneading equipment at 120 to 320°C and a number of revolutions of 60 to 1600rpm.

4. (previously presented) The process of claim 2, wherein the dehydration condensation of piperazine diphosphate is performed by dehydration in a refluxing solvent at 120 to 320°C.